

all nine civilian Federal agencies currently conducting nanotechnology research.

The goal of the legislation is to provide an organized, structured and collaborative approach to nanotechnology research that will ensure America's leadership and economic competitiveness internationally. This legislation provides grants to support nanoscience research centers that will bring together experts from various disciplines, agencies, industries and universities.

I have wanted the Commonwealth of Virginia to recognize nanotechnology as a key element in the future of high technology and economic development and commend the establishment of the Initiative for Nanotechnology in Virginia to serve as a facilitator in the nanoscience community. This legislation takes the work being done at the State level and encourages increased collaboration with State-led initiatives like the one in Virginia as well as universities and industry led projects.

As our scientist and researchers adventure boldly into this New Frontier of nanoscience and chart new waters in lands not yet discovered, this legislation will serve as a guide and hopefully a catalyst to the nanotechnology community. The work being done in the nanoscience field is invigorating; it's exciting, and it's important for our future health, the economy and millions of jobs.

I hope my colleagues will work with Senator WYDEN and me to pass this important legislation in a nanosecond, but recognizing the deliberative process of the Senate, passage in a nanoyear will suffice.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

BETTY HAGEL BREEDING

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, on Monday, a colleague of ours lost his mother and, as always, when tragedy hits one member of our Senate family, we all feel like we have lost a member of our extended family.

Not every American is recognized for the way they lived their lives. Most Americans pass through time making contact with those around them, leading good and decent lives, praying to God for forgiveness and salvation, and leaving behind a modest legacy.

Betty Hagel Breeding was just like each one of us. She strived to live her life well; she endured life's unexpected twists and survived its tragedies for 79 years. She passed away this week, a true Nebraskan and a beloved matriarch, grandmother and mother of our colleague and friend Senator CHUCK HAGEL.

Life doesn't prepare you for much, especially the loss of your parents. It's especially difficult to lose someone who has played such an instrumental role in shaping your life, like most parents do.

According to her sons, Betty Hagel Breeding was "the glue" in the Hagel

family, even more so after the death of her husband in 1962 and later her youngest son, Jim. From that point on, she alone faced the realities of life, the uncertainty of the future, and the wonder of fate as she guided her boys as they became young men.

When you lose someone like that, there is a bottomless hole in your life. When you reflect on the influence of your parents it crystallizes the role they played in the development of who you are and what you believe.

Our parents are the people who teach us how to be, how to treat others and how to live our lives. Betty Hagel Breeding passed away on Monday, but the lessons she taught her children and her children's children will live on through her sons. Her legacy lives today in Nebraska in those who have survived her and the lives of the Nebraskans touched by each one of them.

Senator HAGEL is in Nebraska today with his friends and family. They are reliving the memories they share of Betty Hagel Breeding and celebrating her life and how she led it. I know many Nebraskans and many in the Senate community join me in sending heartfelt condolences to the Hagel family.

In times like these, when Nebraskans reach out to support fellow Nebraskans, it reminds me of why our State motto is "the good life;" because neighbor to neighbor, town to town, city to city, Nebraska is home to great men and women, like Betty Hagel Breeding.●

GRAND VALLEY UNIVERSITY WINS NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues the recent accomplishments achieved by Grand Valley State University's, GVSU, football team who on December 14, 2002, became the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Division II Football Champions. This championship was the first in Grand Valley's history, and completes a perfect season in which the GVSU Lakers went 14-0 maintaining their position atop the Division II football rankings for the entire season. Even more impressive is the fact that the Lakers are 33-1 in their last 34 games with their only loss coming in the 2001 title game.

Preceding their National Championship, the GVSU Lakers won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, GLIAC, Football Championship with a perfect record in league play. The Laker's depth was evidenced by their placing 18 players on the All-GLIAC team. Quarterback Curt Anes was named the GLIAC Player of the Year for the second straight season, and received the Harlon Hill Trophy as NCAA Division II's most outstanding player. In addition, head coach Brian Kelly was recently named the American Football Coaches Association Division II Coach of the Year. Coach

Kelly has led the GVSU Lakers to a 104-34-2 record during his 12 years as head coach, and includes five GLIAC titles and five NCAA Division II playoff appearances.

The championship game, which I was lucky enough to see on television, was a true nail-biter. The game matched the top ranked Grand Valley State Lakers against the second ranked Valdosta State University Blazers. After marching through the playoffs with relative ease, the Lakers found a formidable opponent in Valdosta State, and the game was appropriately close to the very end. GVSU sealed the game when All-American quarterback Curt Anes tossed a 10-yard pass to fellow All-American wide receiver and his primary target David Kircus with 1 minute and 4 seconds remaining securing a 31-24 victory.

Over the last 2 years, the GVSU Lakers have demonstrated great strength, skill, unity, and perseverance. Their ability to regroup after last season's loss and maintain their top ranking all season bears witness to the focus and common purpose shared by the entire team. I commend them for their hard work and dedication. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the GVSU Lakers on winning the 2002 NCAA Division II Football Championship.

I ask unanimous consent that a list of the players and coaches be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Players:

Curt Anes, Kentwood, MI
 Ryan Balcom, Allendale, MI
 Joe Ballard, Chesaning, MI
 Mike Banaszak, Detroit, MI
 Terrance Banks, Gary, IN
 Matt Beaty, Detroit, MI
 DeJuane Boone, Detroit, MI
 Josh Bourke, Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada
 Kevin Boyd, Highland, IN
 Ryan Brady, Chesaning, MI
 Marvis Bryant, Miami, FL
 Brent Burleson, Carmel, IN
 Kirk Carruth, Saginaw, MI
 Roberto Cepero, Miami, FL
 Justin Cessante, Dearborn Heights, MI
 Dion Charity, Kentwood, MI
 Michael Christmon, Pontiac, MI
 Jeremy Cochrane, Montrose, MI
 Dustin Cole, Mattawan, MI
 Phil Condon, Fraser, MI
 Kyle Daisy, Stevensville, MI
 Louis Dauser, Grand Rapids, MI
 Chad Day, Lake Orion, MI
 Todd DeVree, Hudsonville, MI
 Orlando Dickerson, Allen, TX
 Jamel Dillard, Saginaw, MI
 Marcel Dillard, Saginaw, MI
 Jeff Dock, Stevensville, MI
 Melvin Estes, Chicago, IL
 Sean Ferguson, Wyoming, MI
 Cullen Finnerty, Brighton, MI
 Eric Fowler, New Haven, MI
 William Gray, Kalamazoo, MI
 Scott Greene, Hartland, MI
 Lucius Hawkins, Inkster, MI
 Aaron Hein, Hartland, MI
 Antwaan Henderson, Stevensville, MI
 David Hendrix, Stevensville, MI
 Tyrone Hibbler, Flint, MI
 Mike Hoad, Farmington, MI
 Mike Holloway, Chelsea, MI